

The Language of Clay: A Collaborative Project

This is a photo essay of a collaboration between Doug Delind, a well known local artist, and a group of three to five year olds at the Michigan State University Child Development Laboratories, Haslett campus.

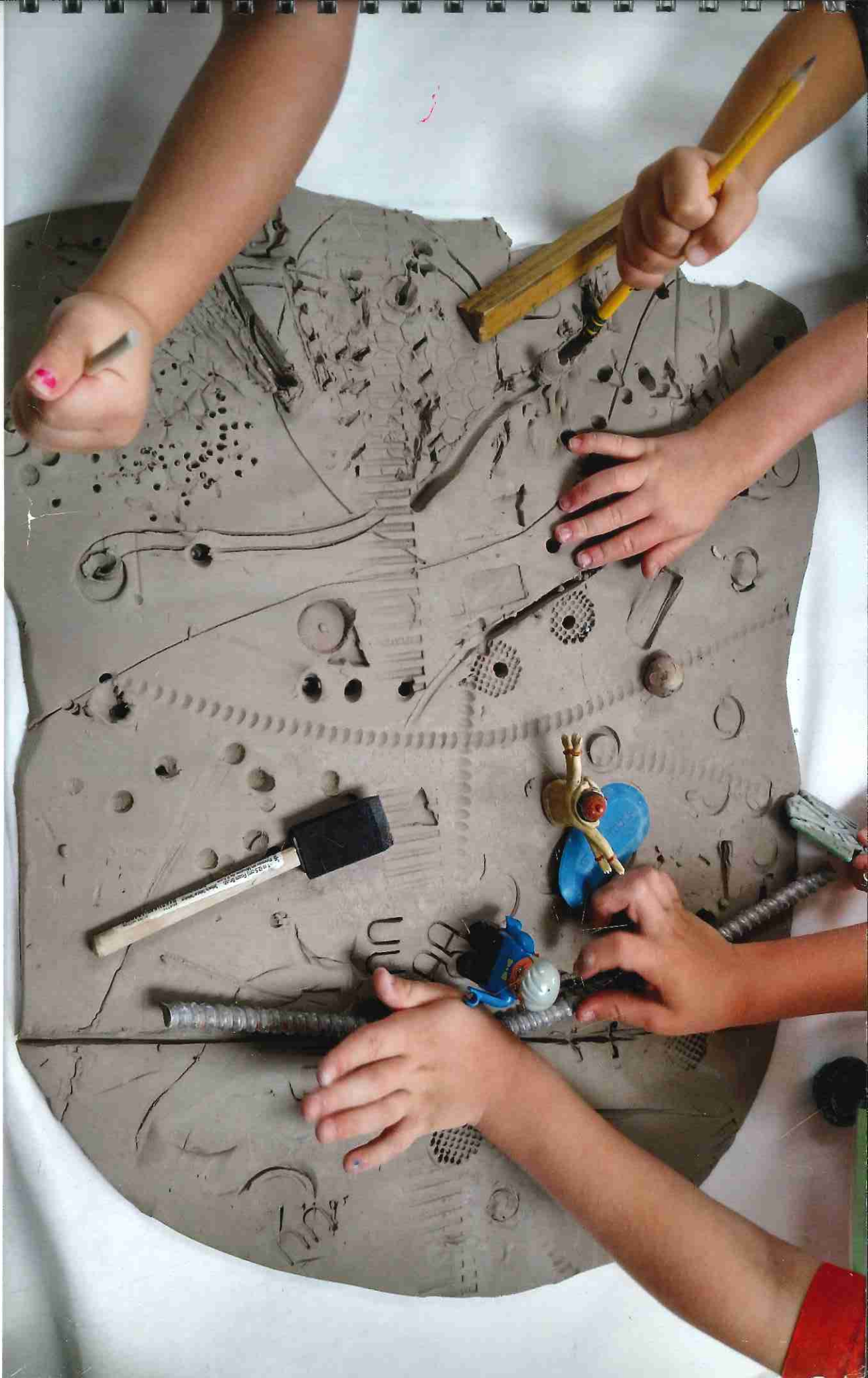
Noticing the children's interest in our snail, Slimy, in the front hallway, we decided to create a clay mural together to celebrate him. Doug Delind came into our classrooms to help us draw and sculpt together.

He took our work back to his home to fire it and he brought it back to us to hang in our school. We love the beauty of this collaborative creation and the creativity and love it represents.

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"The art of research already exists in the hands of children acutely sensitive to the pleasure of surprise. The wonder of learning, of knowing, of understanding is one of the first, fundamental sensations each human being expects from experiences faced alone or with others." Loris Malaguzzi

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Slimy, the snail

our friend in the hallway



